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SUBJECT: DRV-GOP JOINT COMMUNIQUE, AUGUST 8, 1975

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1. THERE IS STILL CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION IN MANILA CONCERN-  
ING ALLEGED UNDERTAKING BY AMBASSADOR MANGILA WITH DRV, AS  
BROAD AST BY RADIO HANOI. IN BRIEF AUG 11 TALK WHICH AMBASSADOR  
HAD WITH ROMULO, LATTER CLEARLY WISHED AVOID DISCUSSION OF  
SUBJECT AND HID BEHIND EXCUSE THAT NO RPT NO REPORT HAD YET  
BEEN RECEIVED FROM NANGILA. WE HAVE MOVED ON AUG 12 TO EXPRESS OUR  
CONCERN AND DISPLEASURE WITH TEXT AS REPORTED BY RADIO HANOI. OUR  
PURPOSE AT THIS STAFE IS TO SEEK SOME WAY TO HAVE DOCUMENT  
REPUDIATED IF IT HAS INDEED BEEN INITIALLED. FAILING THAT, WE HOPE  
IT CAN BE HELD IN SUSPENSE OR OTHERWISE RENDERED INOPERATIVE.

2. ON MORNING AUG 12 AMBASSADOR TOOK UP ISSUE WITH SECRE-  
TARY MELCHOR BY TELEPHONE POINTING OUT SERIOUS AND COMPLI-  
CATING FACTORS OF COMMUNIQUE. MELCHOR APPRECIATED POINTS  
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MADE BY AMBASSADOR BUT UNABLE TO CLARIFY; HE APPEARED EM-

BARRASSED. ON AFTERNOON AUG 12 POLITICAL COMUNSELOR ALSO RAISED WITH AMBASSADOR MABILANGAN, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO GENERAL ROMULO AND LET MABILANGAN READ AND TAKE NOTES FROM REF A. WHEN POLITICAL COUNSELOR SAID HE ASSUMED AMBASSADOR MANGILA HAD EXCEEDED HIS INSTRUCTIONS, MABILANGAN SAID ROMULO HAS TOLD HIM ONLY TO SAY THAT MANGILA WOULD RETURN TO MANILA AUG 13 (HE IS NOW IN BANGKOK) AND HE WOULD HAVE NOTHING FURTHER TO SAY AT THIS MOMENT. MABILANGAN POINTED OUT THAT PRESS HAD CARRIED NO COMMENT ON WIRE SERVICE REPORTS.

3. SO FAR AS WE AWARE, PRIMARY MISSION OF MANGILA WAS TO SECURE PROTECTION AND/OR RELEASE OF SOME 1,000 FILIPINOS IN SOUTH VIETNAM. FRENCH AMBASSADOR, WHO HAS FOLLOWED THIS AFFAIR CLOSELY, HAD SAME ASSUMPTION. VIEW GOP EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH NORTH VIETNAM AFTER FALL OF SOUTH VIETNAM, MANGILA PRESUMED ALSO TO HAVE HAD ANCILLARY MISSION TO EXPLORE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAM.

4. REACTION OF GOP TO COMMUNIQUE TO DATE HAS BEEN ONE OF EMBARRASSED SILENCE. WE WOULD ASSUME FROM THIS THAT NORTH VIETNAM ENCOURAGED MANGILA TO EXCEED HIS INSTRUCTIONS AND THEN PUBLISHED WHAT MAY HAVE BEEN INTENDED ONLY TO BE DRAFT AGREEMENT AD REFERENDUM. ALTHOUGH DFA MAY NOT FULLY APPRECIATE DAMAGE OF ALLEGED COMMUNIQUE, MELCHOR SEEMED ALERT TO IT AND MAY ATTEMPT TO RETRIEVE MATTER. WE WILL LEARN MORE WHEN MANGILA RETURNS.

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